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# Field Guide and Drug List

Medicare Supplement Insurance

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#### **New Business:**

Always take enough time with every applicant to assure that they fully understand all application questions and terminology.

Applications for coverage will be rejected for any of the following:

- Anyone other than the applicant supplies the answers to the questions and signs the application. (exception: <u>Open</u> <u>Enrollment/Guaranteed Issue only</u> – Attorney-In-Fact signing on behalf of applicant)
- The applicant did not know they applied for insurance.
- The applicant is unwilling or unable to complete a telephone interview. (Telephone interviews will be conducted on <u>all</u> underwritten applications. Please advise the applicant to expect a call.)
- During the telephone interview, it is discovered that the agent who signed the application did not speak with the applicant.
- Any health questions under Sections 3 and 4 are unanswered.
- Any health question is answered "YES" under Sections 3 or 4
- If the application was submitted with a check from a third-party payor that has no family (spouse/partner, child, etc.) or business relationship (business owner, employee or retiree of the business).
- No premium or electronic funds transfer information is submitted with the application. (List bills are not available on Medicare Supplement plans.)

Copy of Not-In-Good-Order (NIGO) Tip Sheet included on page 14.

#### Choosing an effective date

Effective dates and plans:

- All applications must contain requested effective date.
- Effective dates must be on or after the signature date of the application. All dates are available with the exception of the 29th, 30th, or 31st of each month.
- Current New Business process times should be considered when requesting effective dates. (Process times may be longer during Annual Enrollment period.)
- Effective date must coordinate with the expiration date of the existing policy if the policy is being replaced. All existing policies should remain in force <u>until</u> the replacement application is approved and issued by the underwriter.
- Available plans: consult the Outline of Coverage for available plans in the applicant's state of residence. NOTE: Plan G and Plan N are not available for any Guaranteed Issue applications.
- Plan rates: refer to state rate guides when determining premium for application. Rates are determined by <u>age on effective date</u>.
   NOTE: Area factors and modal factors may apply in certain states. Please refer to rate guide for details.

#### **Draft dates**

- Initial premium for electronic funds transfer will be drafted the day of issuance. Drafting on an effective date is available upon request.
- If the applicant requests to change subsequent premium draft day, the draft day cannot be greater than 15 days from their paid to date. Subsequent draft days must have a hard day included on the application. Choosing a subsequent draft day of more than 15 days from the paid to date may result in the policy drafting in advance.
- Draft days cannot occur on the 29th, 30th, or 31st of the month. All draft days scheduled for the 29th will be drafted on the 28th of the month. All draft days scheduled for the 30th or 31st will be drafted on the 1st of the following month.
- California Only one month's premium may be accepted regardless of billing mode.

#### Power of attorney

- Acceptable for Open Enrollment and Guaranteed Issue applications <u>only</u>.
- Application must be signed by Attorney-In-Fact (POA) as follows:

"John Smith, Attorney-In-Fact, for Mary Smith" or "Mary Smith by John Smith, Attorney-In-Fact"

#### **Underage disability**

 For age, state, plan availability and application type (OE, GI or UW), please consult the Outline of Coverage or contact the Underwriting Department.

#### **Open Enrollment**

- One time (in most instances), six-month period when an individual can purchase any Medicare Supplement plan offered in the resident state.
- Begins on 1st of month in which the applicant becomes 65 and/or enrolls in Medicare Part B.
  - Applications can be submitted 180 days prior to effective date.
    - Exception: Wisconsin 90 days prior to effective date
    - Exception: West Virginia 30 days prior to effective date
- All plans offered by company are available.
- Health questions (Sections 4, 5 and 6) **should not** be answered.
- HIPAA form is **not** required for Open Enrollment applications.
- Open Enrollment policies are issued with preferred (non-smoker) rates.

#### California/Oregon Birthday Rule

California and Oregon provide special "Open Enrollment" period for individuals currently enrolled in Medicare supplement plans.

- 60 day enrollment period (Begins 30 days prior to birthday.)
- Application must be signed (application signature date) within 60 day Open Enrollment period.
- Effective date must fall on birthday or up to 90 days after birthday.

- Plan benefits must be of equal or lesser value to current plan.
  - Copy of current ID Card or similar document showing current plan required.
- Application must be marked as Open Enrollment (California only.)

#### **Guaranteed Issue**

- Guaranteed Issue applications must be submitted with the required Credible Coverage documentation.
- Federal and State guidelines outline eligibility for Guaranteed Issue applications. Please consult Department of Insurance for qualifying events in applicant's state.
- Plans G and N <u>are not</u> available for Guaranteed Issue applications.
  - State exceptions: questions regarding state exceptions, please contact the Underwriting Department.
- All questions on page 2 (Eligibilty) <u>must</u> be completed. Dates and prior carrier information are required on all GI applications.
  - If prior coverage listed under question 3 or question 4, replacement form is required.
- Health questions (Sections 4, 5 and 6) **should not** be answered.
- Guaranteed Issue policies are issued with preferred (non-smoker) rates.

#### **Additional Guaranteed Issue information**

#### • 12 month trial right situations:

- Upon first becoming eligible for benefits under Part B (or Part A in some states) of Medicare at age 65 or older, enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan and disenrolls from plan not later than 12 months after effective date of enrollment applicant is eligible for Guaranteed Issue with company.
- Applicant was enrolled under Medicare Supplement policy and terminates enrollment and subsequently enrolls for the first time in a Medicare Advantage plan and terminates the plan within the first 12 months applicant is eligible for Guaranteed Issue with company if prior Medicare Supplement plan is no longer available. Proof of prior Medicare Supplement policy and Medicare Advantage policy is required.

#### • Documentation (eligibility reason) - REQUIRED:

- Example:
  - Losing group coverage copy of disenrollment (credible coverage) letter. Letter should include applicant's (and spouse if applicable) name and address and date of termination.
  - Medicare Advantage (MA) plans
    - Disenrollment notification letter from MA plan indicating date of disenrollment, applicant's name and address.
    - MA leaving area same documentation as disenrollment.
    - Applicant leaving area letter from MA plan indicating disenrollment due to move from area OR copy of documentation indicating applicant's prior address.
    - Misrepresentation copy of final judgment on filed grievance.

#### **Underwriting**

- Applications are underwritten up until the time the policy is issued and the first premium paid. If a declinable health condition emerges between the time the application is taken and the time of policy issuance, the application will be declinable.
  - Agents should contact the Underwriting Department with declinable health information if discovered prior to issuance.
- Telephone Interviews are required on all underwritten business.
- Applications must include all pages of the application, HIPAA form, replacement form (if applicable), comparison form (Illinois and Kentucky only).
- Power of Attorneys are <u>not</u> acceptable on any underwritten applications.
- Section 4 (Health questions) must be completed prior to submission. **All** questions must be answered.
- Any "YES" answer will automatically disqualify the applicant. The application should not be submitted.

- Section 5 (Health history) should include a complete list of all medications and diagnosis for which they are prescribed. Refer to drug list information for any unacceptable medications.
  - Applications which include any of the unacceptable medication should not be submitted for consideration.
- Section 6 (Physician information) should include all physicians seen, including primary care and any specialists, within the past 24 months. Section must include physician specialty and reason for visit (diagnosis).

#### Additional underwriting information

#### Common reasons for decline

- Any type of further evaluation, diagnostic testing or surgery that has not been performed.
- Any condition listed under Question 3 of the application.
- Macular Degeneration (wet) requiring injections within the past 12 months.
- Atrial Fibrillation currently being treated with medication.
- Diabetes with heart or artery blockage at any time.
- History of prostate cancer with a detectable PSA reading.
- Aneurysms that have not been surgically removed.
- Osteoporosis with fracture (any type).
- Lung or respiratory disorders: use of oxygen or a nebulizer within the past 24 months (including hospital/in home use).
- Lung or respiratory disorder with tobacco use.

### **Drug list information**

- Drug list information is provided to assist agents in completing Medicare Supplement insurance applications.
- Simple and concise list of the most commonly prescribed medications for declinable conditions.
- Applicants may be unaware of a condition listed on the application, but prescribed medication may indicate the condition exists and are not eligible for coverage with the company. Medications include oral drugs, inhalers, injections, and infusions.
- New drugs for these conditions are regularly introduced and may not be included but may be unacceptable. Any questions concerning questionable medications should be directed to the Underwriting Department.
- Because of the nature of some medications, individuals taking them will be declined, regardless of the severity of the condition.
- Some medications can be given for multiple conditions; medications are unacceptable when they are prescribed for any of the conditions listed next to the drug. When applicant is prescribed a medication that has multiple uses, the condition for which it is prescribed must be furnished. Medications listed alone, are unacceptable for any condition.

The following drug list information has been arranged alphabetically by medication. This should be helpful in finding the medication prescribed.

**lower case:** generic name **Upper Case:** brand name

# Drug list information – \*specific conditions

Actemra: treatment of rheumatoid arthritis

Akineton: treatment of Parkinson's Disease

Amantadine: treatment of Parkinson's Disease

**apixaban:** treatment of atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

Artane: treatment of Parkinson's Disease

**atenolol + blood thinner:** treatment of atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

baclofen: treatment of Multiple Sclerosis

**Calan + blood thinner:** treatment of atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

Carbidopa: treatment of Parkinson's disease

**Cardioquin + blood thinner:** treatment of atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

**carvedilol:** treatment of cardiomyopathy, heart disorder

**clopidogrel:** treatment of Peripheral Vascular Disease

**Coreg:** treatment of cardiomyopathy, heart disorder

**Coumadin:** treatment of atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

**Covera + blood thinner:** treatment of atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

**Digitek:** treatment of atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

**Digoxin:** treatment of atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

**Eliquis:** treatment of atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

**Furosemide (40mg):** treatment for congestive heart failure, heart disorder

**Hydromorphone:** treatment of chronic pain

**Inderal + blood thinner:** treatment of atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

**InnoPran +blood thinner:** treatment of atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

**Isoptin + blood thinner:** treatment of atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

**Lanoxicaps:** treatment of atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

**Lanoxin:** treatment of atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

Laradopa: treatment of Parkinson's Disease

**Lasix (40 mg):** treatment for congestive heart failure

Levodopa: treatment for Parkinson's Disease

Lioresal: treatment for multiple sclerosis

Lodosyn: treatment of Parkinson's Disease

**Lopresor + blood thinner:** treatment of atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

**Metoprolol + blood thinner:** treatment of atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

Mirpex: treatment of Parkinson's Disease

Plavix: treatment of peripheral vascular disease

**Pramipexole:** treatment of Parkinson's Disease

**Propranolol+blood thinner:** treatment of atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

**Quinidex + blood thinner:** treatment of atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

**Quinidine + blood thinner:** treatment of atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

**Quinora + blood thinner:** treatment of atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

Requip: treatment of Parkinson's Disease

Ropinirole: treatment of Parkinson's Disease

Sinemet: treatment of Parkinson's Disease

Symmetrel: treatment of Parkinson's Disease

**Tenormin +blood thinner:** treatment of atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

**Toprol + blood thinner:** treatment of atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

**Trihexyphenidyl:** treatment of Parkinson's Disease

**Verapamil + blood thinner:** treatment of atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

**Verelan + blood thinner:** treatment of atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

**Warfarin:** treatment of atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

### **Drug list**

abatacept Abilify acamprosate

\*Actemra for:

rheumatoid arthritis

Actigall
Actimmune
adalimumab
Adriamycin
Adrucil
Agrylin

\*Akineton for: Parkinson's Disease

alefacept alemtuzumab Alferon

Alkeran
\*amantadine for:

Parkinson's Disease
ambenonium
Amevive
amiodarone
anagrelide
anakinra
Anandron
anastrazole

Antabuse
\*apixaban for:

atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

Aranesp Arava Aredia Aricept Arimidex aripiprazole \*Artane for:

Parkinson's Disease

\*atenolol + blood thinner for: atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

auranofin Aurolate Avinza Avonex azathioprine

AZT (azidothymidine)

Azilect
\*baclofen for:
multiple sclerosis

benztropine Betapace Betaseron bethanechol Bexxar bicalutamide Blenoxane

bleomycin bromocriptine bumetanide Bumex busulfan

**Busulfex** 

\*Calan + blood thinner for: atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

calcium acetate
Campath
Campral
capectabine
\*carbidopa for:
Parkinson's Disease

\*Cardioquin + blood thinner for: atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular

heartbeat

\*carvedilol for: cardiomyopathy, heart disorder

Casodex
CeeNu
Cellcept
Cerespan
Cerubidine
chlorambucil
chlorpromazine
cilostazol
cisplatin

\*clopidogrel for: peripheral vascular disease

clozapine Clozaril Cogentin Cognex Compazine Comtan Cordarone

\*Coreg for: cardiomyopathy, heart disorder

Cosmegen

\*Coumadin for: atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

\*Covera + blood thinner for: atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

cyclophosphamide
cyclosporine
cytarabine
Cytosar
Cytoxan
dactinomycin
Dantrium
dantrolene
darbepoetin alfa
daunorubicin
Demadex

Demerol
didanosine
dideoxyinosine
Didronel

\*Digitek for: atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

\*digoxin for: atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

Dilaudid Disipal disulfam docetaxel dofetilide Dolophine donepezil

\*Dopar for: Parkinson's Disease

doxorubicin
dronedarone
Droxia
Duragesic
Duvoid
edrophonium
\*Efudex for: cancer

Eligard
Eliquis for: atrial fibrillation,
arrhythmia, irregular
heartbeat

Eloxatin Emcyt Enbrel

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**Endocet** Enlon entacapone epoetin alfa **Epogen** ergoloid mesylates

erlotinib erythropoietin **Eskalith** etanercept etidronate etoposide Eulexin Exelon

Exvoxac **Faslodex Femara** fentanyl filgrastim flecainide floxuridine fluorouracil fluphenazine

foscarnet sodium

**FUDR** fulvestrant

flutamide

Forteo

\*furosemide (40 mg) for: congestive heart failure, heart disorder

galantamine gamma Interferon

gefitinib gemtuzumab Gengraf Geodon Gleevex

gold sodium thiomalate

aoserelin Haldol haloperidol Hizentra Humira Hydergine Hydrea

\*Hydromorphone for: chronic

hydroxyurea imatinib **Imuran** 

\*Inderal + blood thinner for: atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

infliximab

\*InnoPran + blood thinner for: atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

interferon alpha 2a interferon alpha 2b interferon beta Intron A Invega

\*Isoptin + blood thinner for: atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

Kadian Kemadrin Kineret

Iressa

\*Lanoxicaps for:atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

\*Lanoxin for: atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular

heartbeat

\*Laradopa for: Parkinson's Disease

\*Lasix (40 mg) for: congestive heart failure, heart disorder leflunomide

lenalidomide letrozole Leukeran leuprolide

\*levodopa for: Parkinson's

Disease

\*Lioresal for: multiple sclerosis

Lithane lithium Lithobid

\*Lodosyn for: Parkinson's

Disease lomustine

\*Lopressor + blood thinner for: atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

loxapine Loxitane Lupron Lysodren Matulane mechlorethamine

Megace megestrol Mellaril melphalan memantine Mepergan

meperidine

mercaptopurine (6MP)

mesoridazine Mestinon methadone Methadose methotrexate

\*metoprolol + blood thinner for: atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular

heartbeat

Mexate

\*Mirapex for: Parkinson's Disease

Mithracin mitomycin mitotane Moban molindone morphine

**MS Contin** Multag Mustargen Mutamycin

mycophenolate mofetil

Myleran Mylotarg Myochrysine Myotonachol Mytelase Namenda Nardil Navane Nebupent Neoral

neostigmine Neulasta Neupogen Nilandron nilutamide olanzapine Oncovin Opana Orencia

oxycodone Oxycontin **Pacerone** 

oxaliplatin

paclitaxel
paliperidone
pamidronate
papaverine
Parlodel
Pavabid
pegfilgrastim
Peg-Intron
Pentam
pentamidine
pentoxifylline
Pentoxil
Percocet
perphenazine

\*Plavix for: peripheral vascular disease

phenelzine

Phoslo

Platinol

Pletal
plicamycin
\*pramipexole for:
Parkinson's Disease

Pradaxa
Prednisone
procarbazine
prochlorperazine
Procrit

procyclidine Prograf Prolixin propafenone

\*propranolol + blood thinner for: atrial fibrillation.

arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

Prostigmin
Purinethol (6MP)
pyridostigmine
quetiapine

\*Quinidex + blood thinner for: atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

\*quinidine + blood thinner for: atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

\*Quinora + blood thinner for: atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

rasagiline Razadyne Rebetol Rebif Remicade Reminyl

\*Requip for: Parkinson's Disease

Retrovir Revlimid Rhythmol ribarvirin Ridaura Rilutek riluzole Risperdal risperidone Rituxan rivastigmine Roferon-A

\*ropinirole for: Parkinsons

Roxanol Roxicet Roxicodone Sandimmune selegiline Serentil

Disease

\*Sinemet for: Parkinson's

Disease sotalol Stelazine

Seroquel

\*Symmetrel for: Parkinson's

Disease
Tabloid
tacrine
tacrolimus
Tambocor
Tarceva
Taxol

Taxotere

Tensilon

\*Tenormin + blood thinner for: atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

teriparatide
Teslac
testolactone
tetrabenazine
thioguanine
Thioplex
thioridazine

thiotepa thiothixene Thorazine

**Ticlid** 

ticlopidine Tikosyn

\*tocilizumab for: rheumatoid arthritis

\*Toprol + blood thinner for: atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

torsemide tositumomab Trelstar LA Trental trifluoperazine \*trihexyphenidyl for: Parkinson's Disease

triptorelin pamoate

Tylox Urecholine Urso ursodiol Velban VePesid

Trilafon

\*verapamil + blood thinner

for: atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

\*Verelan + blood thinner for: atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

Viadur Videx vinblastine vincristine

\*warfarin for: atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia, irregular heartbeat

Wellferon

Xeloda Xenazine Zelapar

zidovudine, AZT ziprasidone Zoladex zoledronic acid

Zometa Zyprexa

## For faster service eliminate these Not-In-Good-Order (NIGO) errors

NIGO Reason	Business Area	Description
Missing and Incomplete Forms, Invalid Data, Shortages	Licensing and All New Business	Agent contracts and applications for insurance are legal documents; make sure ALL required forms (new business forms vary by state) are complete, legible, properly signed, and dated     Submit ALL forms in their entirety to the home office     A check list (included with agent contracting forms and in product sales kits) identifies all of the documents required by the home office     Ensure the SSN matches the applicant on the application; do not use spouse's Social Security Number; include both on household discount applications     Keep live checks and apps together if using the lockbox     Include Credible Coverage letter with GI application     Include application fee and verify area factors to prevent shortages     In CA, include one month premium when submitting for direct bill
Health Questions	Medicare Supplement Applications	OE and GI applications are NOT underwritten     DO NOT have an applicant in an OE or GI period complete the health questions or the physician information (Sections 4, 5, and 6) of the application     Quote the preferred rates for OE or GI applications, regardless of the applicant's use of tobacco
US Residency	New Business	Confirming that the applicant is a US resident (Section 1) is mandatory on all Medicare Supplement and Final Expense applications
Physical Address	All New Business	<ul> <li>Provide the applicant's physical address</li> <li>If the applicant uses a P O Box mailing address, you must also indicate their physical address in the address information section of the application</li> <li>Use application forms based on the applicant's state of residence; forms vary by state and where household discount applies</li> <li>Use Aetna branded sales materials that are current</li> </ul>
Effective Dates and Signature Dates	All New Business	<ul> <li>Make sure all dates are correct (including the year)</li> <li>The signature date can NOT be in the future and MUST be the date the applicant signed the application</li> <li>The Policy Effective Date cannot be the 29th, 30th, or 31st of a month</li> <li>The Policy Effective Date cannot be more than 6 months in future (90 days in WI; 30 days in WV-OE only)</li> </ul>
Valid Phone Numbers	Licensing and All New Business	Make sure telephone numbers (including area code) are correct and legible     For underwritten applications:         Inform the applicant to expect a phone call from the home office and that a telephone interview is standard underwriting procedure         When possible, indicate the best telephone number and time to reach an applicant for the required telephone interview
Medicare ID	Medicare Supplement Applications	Include the applicant's Medicare ID number (and name) as shown on their Medicare ID card and include the letter that is the suffix to the nine digit number (Medicare ID# is NOT always the applicant's Social Security Number) Include a copy of the Medicare card for applicants under the age of 65
Appointment States	Licensing	In Section 4 of the Producer Information Form (PIF), indicate all states that an agent is actively licensed and for which he/she would like to market the product